

**"OPEN DOOR" IN CHINA.****A Russo-French Conjoint Declaration Issued.**

The Russian and French Governments Are Wholly Pleased With the Objects of the Anglo-Japanese Agreement.

St. Petersburg, March 20.—The Official Messenger Thursday prints the text of a Russo-French conjoint declaration, sent March 16 to the Austrian, Belgian, British, American, Spanish, German, Italian, Dutch, Chinese and Japanese governments. The declaration is as follows:

"The allied Russo-French governments are wholly pleased to discern that the Anglo-Japanese convention supports the essential principles which, according to the reiterated statement of France and Russia, constituted and still constitutes the foundation of their policy. Both governments believe that the support of these principles is also a guarantee of their interests in the far east. They are compelled, however, not to lose from view the possibly inimical action of other powers or a repetition of disorders in China, possibly impairing China's integrity and free development to the detriment of their reciprocal interests. They therefore reserve to themselves the right to take measures to defend these interests."

The prefatory remarks say that Russia desires the maintenance of the status quo and the attainment of complete tranquility in the far east.

Paris, March 20.—The morning papers here comment with much satisfaction and approval upon the Franco-Russian declaration concerning the Anglo-Japanese convention, which, they consider, strengthens the chances of lasting peace in the far east as contributing to the establishment of necessary balance of power, a striking consecration of the dual alliance and a definition of its scope, field and objects.

"If," says the Figaro, "Germany and the United States have any misunderstanding regarding alliances and policy in China, or fears for the 'open door,' these are now removed. We are for the 'open door' on the condition that nobody attempts to close it on us."

**EMPEROR WILLIAM'S PRESENTS.**

Those Brought By Prince Chun Will Be Sent to Museums.

Berlin, March 20.—The presents given to Emperor William by Prince Chun, who came from Peking to Berlin last year to make atonement to Germany for the murder at Peking of Baron von Ketteler, the German minister to China, which have been in storage here since Emperor William refused to accept them. The emperor took this action because he believed their acceptance would be incompatible with the character of Prince Chun's mission. The presents, which consist of costly silks and objects of art, will, upon the second request of the Chinese prince, be sent to certain German museums.

**AGED PENSIONERS' BILL.**

The Measure Passed to the Second Reading in the House of Commons.

London, March 20.—The house of commons Wednesday passed the second reading of the aged pensioners' bill granting deserving poor persons a pension of from five to seven shillings weekly at the age of 65. It is estimated that the sum of £10,000,000 will be required monthly to pay the pensions, the national exchequer and the local authorities each providing half the amount required. As the government at Wednesday's session declared it could not provide its share, the scheme is not likely to become effective.

**THE FRENCH COLUMN.**

It Met With Serious Opposition From the Senoussi Tribe.

Paris, March 20.—The Journal Des Debats Wednesday says it learns that the French column in the Lake Tchad district of Africa, which defeated Chief Rabah's tribe, has since met with serious opposition from the Senoussi tribe. No details of the fighting have been received, but it is known that in an engagement near the capital of the district of Kahen, a French captain was killed.

**To Enlarge Yellowstone Park.**

Washington, March 20.—The secretary of the interior Wednesday sent to the senate the draft of a bill providing for the enlargement of Yellowstone park. In a communication accompanying the bill he says the extension of the park boundaries is necessary to protect the game in the park.

**Boycotting Is Legal.**

Jefferson City, Mo., March 20.—The Missouri supreme court decided in the case of the Haas Clothing Co. against Watson, that labor unions have the right to boycott. The circulation of boycott petitions is held to be guaranteed in the bill of rights.

**Wm. J. Bryan's Birthday.**

Lincoln, Neb., March 20.—W. J. Bryan is no longer a resident of this city. Wednesday was Mr. Bryan's 42d birthday and he celebrated the event by moving to his farm, four miles from the city.

**MINERS MAY STRIKE.**

Refusal of Operators to Confer on a Wage Scale the Cause.

Shamokin, Pa., March 20.—The miners' convention Wednesday began the consideration of the important matters which will decide whether the notices posted by the operators at the various collieries, announcing a continuance of existing conditions, shall be accepted or rejected.

The committee on rules and order of business met at 8:30 o'clock, a half hour previous to the assembling of the convention, and completed the details of their work. The delegates Wednesday morning displayed much interest in the expected presentation by President Mitchell of the letters from the presidents of the operating companies declining a conference with officials of the United Mine Workers in regard to a wage scale. These letters constitute one of the most important subjects to be considered by the convention, but the delegates having nothing but a general knowledge of their contents, declined to discuss their probable action concerning the communications. President Mitchell Wednesday reiterated his denial that the visit of Secretary R. M. Easley, of the Civic Federation, concerned the situation in the anthracite coal regions. When asked if he would make any further effort to see J. Pierpont Morgan, Mr. Mitchell said he had made no arrangements looking to that end.

During the executive session the convention appointed the committees on scale and on resolutions and heard the report of the special committee appointed to seek a conference with the operators. The delegates expressed keen disappointment and the opposition to continuing work under the present low wages and unfair conditions was unanimous and emphatic.

The indications here Wednesday night pointed strongly to a strike declaration and it is said by some of the men that the declaration may come as early as Friday of this week. The operators' letters seem to have caused much bitter feeling among the men.

Philadelphia, March 20.—It was learned here Wednesday night from trustworthy sources that in refusing to enter a joint conference with representatives of the United Mine Workers' union, the officials of the great coal carrying railroads and coal companies were careful to so word their declaration that it was not a direct refusal to meet the miners' representatives because they were successful. To this request the companies generally answered by letter, saying that it was impossible to arrange a wage scale that would be uniform because of the different conditions of mining in the different fields and on the ground that nothing could come of it, declined to meet in a joint conference as proposed.

**MINISTER BELLAMY STORER.**

He Paid His Respects to Secretary of State Hay Wednesday.

Washington, March 20.—Bellamy Storer, United States minister to Spain, Wednesday paid his respects to Secretary Hay. After a few days in this city, spent in the discussion of questions of mutual importance to this country, especially with the officials of the administration, the minister will leave for his home in Ohio, going thence to California, where he has extensive business interests requiring his attention. He expects to return to his post at Madrid within the 90 days time allotted him for his leave of absence.

**THE MISSING MESSENGER.**

No Clew to the Whereabouts of L. S. McKee, of the Adams Express Co.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 20.—Adams Express Co. officials say concerning the disappearance of L. S. McKee, of Indianapolis, their messenger running from Indianapolis to St. Louis, on March 3, that absolutely no clew had been found. The whole country has been flooded with pictures and descriptions of McKee.

Superintendent Grablin, of Columbus, O., says the company will not know how much money has been taken until the business of the route is checked up. He says it might run up to a large figure. He left at the Indianapolis end of his run.

Tommy Ryan to Box Johnny Gorman. Kansas City, Mo., March 20.—Tommy Ryan accepted a proposition to box Johnny Gorman, of New York, before the National Sporting club, of London, for \$5,000 a side, coronation week. The National Sporting club tried to arrange a match between Ryan and Jack O'Brien, but the men failed to agree on terms.

**Will Not Permit Pool Selling.**

Atlanta, Ga., March 20.—The city council has refused to permit pool selling at Ledmont park. Joe Ullman and A. E. Wall, of Hot Springs, Ark., recently took a five years lease on the track for a winter running meeting, conditional upon bookmaking being allowed.

**Thanks to Rr. Adm. Kempf.**

Washington, March 20.—A joint resolution was introduced Wednesday by Senator Vest tendering to Rr. Adm. Kempf the thanks of congress for meritorious conduct in refusing to join the allied forces in the bombardment of the forts of Taku, China.

**Mr. Garfield Declines.**

Washington, March 20.—Harry A. Garfield, son of ex-President Garfield, has been offered the position of civil service commissioner to succeed William A. Rodenberg, resigned. Mr. Garfield declined the appointment.

**THE MATTIE BENNETT GANG.**

Three More Arrests Made in Connection With Its Operations.

Beaumont, Tex., March 20.—Three more arrests have been made here in connection with the operations of the Mattie Bennett gang of robbers and murderers. It is suspected that one of the three is the hackman employed by the gang to haul the bodies of their victims to the river. The sheriff refused to make known the names of the arrested men, who are whites, or to give any other facts, saying that publicity would hamper him in the arrest of other suspects. The trio just taken in has been sought by the officers constantly since the Emmett woman confessed a week ago.

**SHIP CANAL BILL.**

A Favorable Report Will Be Made on the Measure.

Washington, March 19.—Chairman Davidson, of the house committee on railways and canals, was authorized to report the bill to incorporate the Lake Erie and Ohio River Ship Canal Co. with authority to construct a canal connecting Lake Erie and the Ohio river. The committee also ordered a report on the resolution of Representative Mudd, of Maryland, authorizing the president to appoint a commission to appraise the value of the Delaware and Chesapeake canal with a view to its acquisition by the government.

**PROF. JOHN H. GRAY.**

Will Study Effects of Labor Unions or Output of Industry in England.

Chicago, March 20.—Prof. John H. Gray, of Northwestern university, has received from Carroll D. Wright, of Washington, United States commissioner of labor, an appointment to go to England to study the effects of labor unions on the output of industry. The United States bureau of labor is to investigate this year the effects of the policy of limiting the daily output of a man's hands among the unions of the United States, Germany, England and France.

**FOR RUSSIAN BATTLESHIPS.**

Largest Shipment of Armor Plate Ever Sent From An American Plant.

Pittsburg, Pa., March 19.—The largest shipment of armor plate ever sent away from an American steel works left the Homestead mills Tuesday for New York. It consists of 36 plates, 18 for the first-class battleship Borodina and the same number for the first-class battleship Ariel, now building at the imperial Russian navy yards at St. Petersburg. The shipment occupied 18 cars of special construction.

**SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.**

Friends of H. Clay Evans Say He Will Be Tendered That Position.

Birmingham, Ala., March 19.—A special from Chattanooga, Tenn., says: Close friends here of Pension Commissioner H. Clay Evans claim to have information that President Roosevelt will make him secretary of the interior. It is said Secretary Hitchcock will resign soon and that Evans will be offered his place. It is said the change will occur within 30 days.

**New York Broker Arrested.**

New York, March 19.—Max C. Mayer, formerly a member of the brokerage firm of Rathbone, Mayer & Rathbone, was arrested Tuesday at Bayonne, N. J., charged with embezzlement of funds said to amount in all to \$100,000. The charge was made by C. L. Rathbone & Son, successors to the firm of which Mayer was formerly a member. He was taken before Judge John A. Blair, of Jersey City, on a warrant charging him with embezzlement in one instance of \$4,800, and was released on \$25,000 bail. Subsequently an indictment was found against him by the grand jury of New York county.

**THE RECENT BLIZZARD.**

Two Men Reported Lost Northwest of Jamestown, N. D.

Jamestown, N. D., March 20.—Two men are reported lost 50 miles northwest of here. Ranchman Stewart and Herder Dan McLaughlin have not been found since the storm. Neighbors found the house vacant and about 200 sheep have perished. Stewart's father is an Iowa banker. The stock loss is heavy. Two hundred cattle of Marston Moore ranch, 30 miles from here, drifted before the storm, and were drowned in a lake. Loss \$7,000.

**Aged Actor Dead.**

Bath, N. Y., March 20.—Robert Johnstone, one of the oldest actors in America, died Wednesday at the hospital of the state soldiers' home, aged 75 years. He claimed that he played with Julius Brutus Booth, Forest, Macready and other prominent actors of their day.

**Promotions in the Government Service.**

Washington, March 19.—The civil service commission has decided to frame regulations designed to make the methods of promotion in the various branches of the government service more uniform and based more on merit than at present.

**New Coinage Bill.**

Washington, March 19.—Representative Hill, of Connecticut, has introduced a bill for the coinage of the silver bullion in the treasury purchased under the act of July 14, 1892, into subsidiary silver coin.

**FIFTY-SEVENTH CONGRESS.**

Washington, March 20.—Senate.—During the entire session of the senate Wednesday the bill providing for the protection of the president of the United States was under consideration. Mr. Spooner (Wis.) contended that the government had an absolute and inherent right to protect itself against assault made either upon its or upon any of its officers. He maintained that an assault on the president was, in the very nature of things, an assault upon the government, for there never was a time when the president was not in the exercise of the duties of his office. Mr. Bailey (Tex.) spoke briefly upon the bill. The Texas senator said he could not support the measure as it stands because he could conceive of an assault made upon the president as a personal and not as an official of the government. The assailant ought to be punished precisely as if he had assaulted any other citizen.

House.—The house made fair progress with the river and harbor bill. After the close of general debate, 27 of the 118 pages of the bill were disposed of. No amendments were adopted. The general debate Wednesday was featureless.

Washington, March 14.—Senate.—After the passage of a considerable number of unobjectionable and unimportant bills Thursday the senate resumed consideration of the ship subsidy measure.

House.—The house closed general debate on the post office appropriation bill and completed consideration of 12 of the 27 pages of the bill. No amendments were adopted. The principal portion of the general debate Thursday was devoted to the discussion of the appropriation for several mail facilities. Mr. Jenkins (Wis.) presented a detailed statement of his reasons for his theory that Cuba is now under the sovereignty of the United States, which sovereignty he contends cannot be alienated without an act of congress.

Washington, March 15.—Senate.—Throughout the session of the senate Friday the ship subsidy bill was under consideration. The measure was discussed by Mr. Foraker (O.), Mr. McLaurin (Miss.) and Mr. Harris (Kan.).

House.—The house passed the post office appropriation bill. The only amendment of importance adopted was one to incorporate in the provision of the bill to classify the rural free delivery service, passed a few days ago. Quite a number of other bills were passed, including three bills for marine hospitals at Buffalo, Savannah and Pittsburg. The Burlington resolution calling on the secretary of state for the facts relative to the case of Dr. Thomas and wife who desired to go to South Africa to distribute relief funds, was adopted after a short debate in the course of which Mr. Hitt, chairman of the committee on foreign affairs, introduced a letter from Secretary Hay explaining what the department of state had done in the premises.

Washington, March 18.—Senate.—After prolonged debate the senate Monday passed the ship subsidy bill, the final vote upon the measure being 42 to 31. Senators Allison and Doolittle (Ia.), Spooner and Quarles (Wis.) and Proctor and Dillingham (Vt.), republicans, voted against final passage of the bill, and Senator McLaurin (S. C.) voted for it. Some amendments to the bill were adopted, but they were all agreed to those in charge of the measure, the friends of the bill voting down all other amendments. With the exception of amendments offered by Mr. Allison and accepted by Mr. Frye, limiting the time of the operation of contracts made under the provisions of the bill to July 1, 1920, and providing that the amount of the expenditure under the mail subsidy paragraph should not at any time exceed \$8,000,000 annually, none of the amendments agreed to materially affected the bill as it was reported from the commerce committee.

House.—The house Monday began consideration of the river and harbor bill. Mr. Burton (O.) made an extended speech in explanation of the measure in the course of which he presented many interesting facts relative to it. Several other members spoke briefly on the measure.

Washington, March 19.—Senate.—For three hours Tuesday the senate had under consideration the bill providing for the protection of the president of the United States and for the punishment by United States courts of those who commit assault upon him. Mr. Bacon (Ga.) opposed the bill and Mr. Hoar (Mass.) and Mr. Mason (Ill.) supported it. Earlier in the day a lively debate was precipitated by the effort of Mr. Rawlins (Utah) to have printed as a document some Philippine correspondence. Eventually the matter was ordered printed as requested. Thirty-nine private pension bills were passed and the calendar cleared.

House.—The general debate on the river and harbor appropriation bill was enlivened Tuesday by Mr. Hepburn (Ia.), who made his annual onslaught on the measure. Contrary to his usual custom, Mr. Hepburn found several things in the bill to recommend, although some of his criticisms were quite severe. The other speakers of the day were Messrs. Ball (Tex.) and Lawrence (Mass.), both members of the committee, and Messrs. White (Ky.), Thompson and Burnett (Ala.) who spoke in favor of improvements of interests to their districts. It was agreed that general debate on the bill should close Wednesday at 3 o'clock. Saturday, April 26, was set aside for memorial services on the late Representative Stokes (S. C.), and the late Representative Crump (Mich.).

**The Suez Canal Blocked.**

Suez, March 17.—The canal is at present blocked by the British petroleum steamers Herite, from Marseilles, February 24, and Bulyses, from Constantinople, February 24, for Port Said. The former is on fire and the latter is ashore and abandoned.

**Ambassador White Will Retire.**

Berlin, March 17.—With expressions of regret the newspapers here print a dispatch from Washington to the effect that Andrew D. White, the American ambassador to Germany, will retire next November.

**JAY BIRD.**

Sire of Allerton 2:09 1/4, Early Bird 2:10 thorne (3) 2:13, Larabee (3) 2:12 (3) 2:14 1/4, Gagnant

79 Trotters and 6 J  
JAY BIRD is one of the surest years of age he is in splendid condition

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**Scarlet Wilkes.**

Record 2:22 1/2 Pacing; Trial 2:14 1/4 Pacing—2:37 Trotting.

(Registered as John G. 6470.)

Sire of George 2:06 1/4 pacing, 2:13 1/4 trotting—a Grand Circuit Winner in 1901;

Alice Frazier 2:13 1/4, Mercury Wilkes 2:14 1-2, Captain White 2:15.

By Red Wilkes, sire of 158 2:30 performers.

1st dam, Tipsey (dam of The Shah 2:10 3-4 Scarlet Wilkes, 2:22 1-2, Glen Mary

2:25 1-2, Glenwood, sire of Glen Arthur 2:14 1-2, and Gipsy B. 2:17 1-4), by

Alcalde, son of Menbrino Chief, the sire of the great Mambrino Patchen.

**\$25 to insure a mare with foal.**

Money due if mare is parted with or bred to another horse without our consent.

Scarlet Wilkes is a beautiful mahogany bay horse, stands 15.3 hands, with

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WILKES trotted a mile in 2:37 and paced a mile in 2:14 1/4—being double-gaited,

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**"Maplehurst." BACON & BRENNAN, Paris, Ky.**

**WILTON 2:19 1/4.**

**MAMBRINO PATCHEN 58.**

**Patchen Wilton.**

(4-year-old trial 2:21 1-2.)

By WILTON 2:19 1/4, sire of 103 with records from 2:06 to 2:30 The Wiltons are not

only trotters and racehorses, but the greatest road horses in the world

1st dam, Emma Patchen, dam of George W. 2:24 1/4, Lena Wilkes, record 2:29 1/4, trial

2:25 1/4, and Patchen Wilton, trial 2:21 1/4, by Mambrino Patchen 58.

As a producer of dams Mambrino Patchen is without an equal. He sired the

dams of Aleveon, Alcantara, Baron Wilkes, Guy Wilkes, Wilkes Boy, Sim-

mons, Ralph Wilkes 2:06 1/4, and over 150 with records in 2:30 and better. Mam-

brino Patchen's sons sired the dams of Crescens, the world's champion trot-

ter, and The Abbot, the champion trotting gelding.

2d dam, Emma, record 2:35, made in 1865, to high wheel sulky weighing 96 lbs.,

dam of Jerry 2:27 1/4.

PATCHEN WILTON is a coal black

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**STEPHON 20404**

Is a dappled gray horse, foaled Oct. 20, 1892; bred by Jacob P. Sleight, Lansing,

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bred and registered Percheron stallion ever offered to the public in Kentucky.

He came from the Oakland Farms, owned by M. W. Dunkam, of Wayne, Ill.,

the largest breeder of Percheron and French Coach horses in the world, and the

owner of more prize winners than any other breeder in France or America.

**PEDIGREE.**

(Recorded with pedigree in the Percheron Stud Book of America.)

Gray, foaled Oct. 20, 1892; got by Stradat 712 (2463); dam Abydos 800 (809) by Rom-

ulus 873 (785); 2d dam Elise, by Duke de Chartres 162 (721).

Stradat 712 (2463) by Passe-Partout (1403) out of Biche (1204) by a son of Coco

II (714).

Passe-Partout (1403) by Comet 104 (719) out of Sophie by Favori I (711), he by Vieux

Chaslin (715) out of L'Amie by Vieux-Pierre (891), he by Coco, II (712).

Comet 104 (719) by French Monarch 205 (734) out of Suzanne by Cambronne.

French Monarch 205 (734) by Iderim (5302) out of a daughter of Vieux-Pierre

(894), etc.

Iderim (5302) by Valentin (5301) out of Chafon by Vieux-Pierre (894); etc.

Valentin (5301) by Vieux-Chaslin (719), he by Coco (712) out of Poule by Sandi.

Coco (712) by Mignon (715) out of Pauline by Vieux-Coco.

Mignon (715) by Jean-le-Blanc (730).

Coco II (714) by Vieux-Chaslin (719), etc., out of La Grise by Vieux-Pierre (885).

Romulus 873 (785) by the government approved stallion Romulus, son of Moreuil,

out of Fleur d'Epine by the government approved stallion Cheri, he by

Corbon. This horse has been shown only three times, winning first

prize in each event, and in one of them there were eight other entries

of different draft breeds.

STEPHON will make the season of 1902 at the Paris Fair Grounds, at

**\$15 TO INSURE A COLT.**

Money due when colt comes, mare parted with or bred to another horse. A

lien will be retained on all colts till service money is paid.

STEPHON will be in charge of Mr. T. W. Titus.

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**\$31 TO SALT LAKE CITY**

**AND RETURN**

**FROM ST. LOUIS, FOR THE**

**ELKS' GRAND LODGE**

**MEETING.**